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SUBJ: PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL COMMEMORATES KOREAN WAR ANNIVERSARY

1. THE JUNE 25 PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL COMMEMORATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR CONTAINS THE PRC'S FIRST OFFICIAL REACTION TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S ANNOUNCED PLAN TO REMOVE U.S. GROUND FORCES FROM SOUTH KOREA. WHILE CREDITING THE U.S. WITH "MAKING GESTURES" TOWARD WITHDRAWAL OF GROUND FORCES AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS "UNDER PRESSURE OF PUBLIC OPINION OF THE WORLD AND PEOPLE INCLUDING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE", THE EDITORIAL GOES ON TO DENOUNCE U.S. INTENTION TO KEEP ITS "STUPENDOUS" AIR AND NAVAL FORCES ON THE PENINSULA, AND DEMANDS THAT U.S. "WITHDRAW FROM SOUTH KOREA COMPLETELY AND IMMEDIATELY ITS GROUND, AIR AND NAVAL FORCES".

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2. BALANCE OF EDITORIAL FOLLOWS CLOSELY PATTERN OF LAST YEAR, COMPLETE WITH ATTACK ON PARK GOVERNMENT, "BACKED AND MANIPULATED BY THE U.S.," FOR SUPPRESSING SOUTH KOREAN PEOPLE AND AGGRAVATING TENSION IN PENINSULA. THE EDITORIAL ALSO REFERS TO THE NORTH KOREAN FOUR-POINT PROGRAM ISSUED LAST JANUARY CALLING FOR PEACEFUL

REUNIFICATION OF KOREA.

3. EDITORIAL, AS IN PAST YEARS, INCLUDES PARAGRAPH REAFFIRMING PRC INTENTION TO RECOVER TAIWAN. ONLY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IS THAT SCHEMES FOR "THE INDEPENDENCE OF TAIWAN" ARE DENOUNCED ALONG WITH THOSE FOR "TWO CHINAS", "ONE CHINA AND ONE TAIWAN", AND "ONE CHINA, TWO GOVERNMENTS".

4. COMMENT: WHATEVER PRIVATE SECOND THOUGHTS PRC GOVERNMENT MAY HAVE ABOUT IMPLICATIONS OF U.S. WITHDRAWAL FOR STABILITY IN NORTHEAST ASIA, THE EDITORIAL MAKES CLEAR THAT PEKING INTENDS TO STICK PUBLICLY TO ITS CALL FOR A TOTAL U.S. MILITARY WITHDRAWAL.
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